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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	MEWE005 5221
	First Named Inventor	Jackson et al.
	Application Number	09/341,505
	Filing Date	July 12, 1999
	Group Art Unit	1653
	Examiner Name	H. Robinson
	Title	ASSAYS, AGENTS, THERAPY AND DIAGNOSIS RELATING TO MODULATION OF CELLULAR DNA REPAIR ACTIVITY

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated January 18, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before April 18, 2001. A petition for a one month extension of time is attached herewith. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend "leukaemia" on page 2 line 13 to read --leukemia--

Please amend "ionising" on page 2 line 13 to read --ionizing--

Please amend "recognising" on page 2 line 15 to read --recognizing--

Please amend "ionising" on page 2 line 23 to read --ionizing--

Please amend "characterised" on page 4 line 1 to read --characterized--

Please amend "characterised" on page 6 line 22 to read --characterized--

Please amend "utilises" on page 6 line 34 to read --utilizes--

Please amend "Ionising" on page 8 line 19 to read --Ionizing--

Please amend "ionising" on page 8 line 23 to read --ionizing--

Please amend "ionising" on page 8 line 28 to read --ionizing--

Please amend "leukaemia" on page 9 line 28 to read --leukemia--

Please amend "stabilise" on page 10 line 1 to read --stabilize--

Please amend "stabilise" on page 10 line 5 to read --stabilize--

Please amend "ionising" on page 12 line 13 to read --ionizing--